Essay Introduction

Framing/Staging Your Topic (or “Sign”)

* Type using MLA format
* Include an imaginative/relevant title
* Write an introduction for your essay. Use the intros from the sample essays on my website as models. Ideally, an intro for a 2-3 page essay should be around a half page. Make your topic clear here—your audience should KNOW what you intend to write about in your essay after reading your introduction. Use your introduction to convince your audience that your sign/topic exists in the text and that it has import. Use specific examples of your sign/topic to help you accomplish this.
* Contextualize your sign/topic.
* Present a working thesis or one to two driving theoretical questions at or near the end of your introduction.
* Turn in this assignment electronically via CourseDen prior to the beginning of class AND bring a hard copy to class on the due date. See your course calendar for due dates. The course calendar is available by clicking on your course and section number via my faculty profile page OR through my website.